

JAPAN'S CHIEF AIM

Willing to Give 30,000 Lives to Possess Port Arthur.

Russian Army in Decidedly Difficult Position.

The supreme wish of the Japanese now is the capture of the stronghold at Port Arthur and the destruction of the Manchurian railroad, in as many places as possible. These two things accomplished, Japan believes the war would practically be over. But between now and that accomplishment there is much hard fighting and a possibility of defeat for both sides.

War strategists of all nationalities, many of whom are now in London, believe no sacrifice of men is too great for Japan to make if she has even a chance to gain Port Arthur. A loss of 30,000 soldiers, more or less, would amount to nothing in view of the great advantage which would accrue from the occupation of that fortress.

Already Japan has made strenuous efforts to throw thousands of men into Southern Manchuria, within less than one hundred miles of Port Arthur.

The Russians are in a hard position. With hundreds of miles of coast to guard to prevent the landing of troops, with an attack on Port Arthur expected, and the Manchurian border along the Yalu to protect, it is necessary to spread their forces over a wide territory. This makes it all the easier for a Japanese force to be landed, say the war experts, and they consider it wonderful that such stubborn resistance has already been met.

The reports that the Japanese have concentrated about 60,000 troops at Wonsou, on the east coast of Korea, with the object of entering Manchuria, are confirmed. The column will cross the Yalu north of Ping Yang, and create a diversion in the region of Harbin, on the Manchurian railway, where Viceroy Alexieff has established his headquarters.

Harbin is on the Sungari river at the junction of the Manchurian branch of the Siberian railway and the Chinese eastern branch, where it starts south to Dalny, Port Arthur being distant from the last point 600 miles.

It is distinctly a Russian city, as though it were located in the heart of Russia, and none but Russians and Chinese are permitted to own land, construct buildings, or engage in any permanent enterprise.

On the Yalu river the Russian army has in its rear a line of mountains, and the Yalu in its front. This army must be supplied by water from Port Arthur. The march of a Japanese army on Harbin would break the supply line of this army, as well as cut Port Arthur off from the north. Therefore military and naval men are looking for developments between Wiju, at the mouth of the Yalu, and Kien Chow, fifty or more miles north of Port Arthur.

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The Foolish Dieting Fads.

The culinary fads of one's friends are becoming positively bewildering. Several girls I know drink nothing but hot water at every meal. One friend of mine never has any breakfast, and inundates me with pamphlets and treatises by American quacks showing the folly of having food before lunch time. "Sleep," I read, "never makes anyone hungry; the gnawing sensation in the morning which people mistake for hunger is caused by the indigestion of the previous night's dinner. Food will certainly stop this pain, but only at the expense of further digestive trouble."

Of course, every time we satisfy the cravings of hunger we may, for all we know, be laying up stores of future discomfort for ourselves; but

on the whole I think it is worth the risk, and personally I would just as soon be dead as live on a diet of nut outlets, almond shape, bran tea and Plasmon, which according to these latter-day faddists, is the panacea for all the digestive troubles of life. It certainly is a fact that anyone who could digest and enjoy such a menu must be a most healthy and happy person. But then, on the other hand, there are quite a number of people in existence who possess both these qualities without adhering to a diet the chief components of which form the staple food of the inhabitants of the farm-yard.

While it certainly is a fact that most of us eat a great deal more than we need, I doubt if there is as much "digestive trouble" in the world as these modern cranks would have us believe. If, however, there is, surely the cure is more likely to be found in moderation than in ridiculous fads. "If there were no eating without hunger and no drinking without thirst," said the late Mr. Herbert Spencer, "then would the system be but seldom out of order." It is the people who realize this who are the despair of the doctors. Moderation and regularity of food and life alone keep that region in order in which the Chinese believe the soul resides.

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Great and Good Men Have Sworn.

According to the Anti-Profanity League, the swearing habit is "the national habit." Undoubtedly the use of profanity is extremely prevalent; a person needs merely to keep his ears open on the street to learn this. But whether it is so general as to justify one in terming it the national evil is a matter of opinion. Not all swearing, moreover, is wholly indefensible. There are various kinds of swearing, and it will not do to lump them in one class with a single label. Besides the habitual and commonplace swearers, whose profanity is mere redundant and colorless verbiage, and the vulgar and diffuse swearers, whose oaths are rank and noisome, one must recognize also as a distinct category the discreet and moderate swearers who employ and occasional oath with fine emphasis and artistic effect. Many great and good men belong to the last class. Even the father of his country is said to have sworn vigorously when the emergency seemed to require departure from his customary rule of unvarnished speech. This sort of discriminating profanity is vastly different from the causeless and gratuitous swearing of habitual and vulgar oathmongers. Indeed, the man who now and then vents his emotions in an oath is rather precautions to break forth. A robust ebullition is better than ingrowing profanity. Silence may be as profane as words under certain circumstances. A saying of Joseph Choate occurs to the Settler in this connection. A noted prelate was once playing golf with Mr. Choate, and after fozzling a tea shot egregiously, stood looking at the ball for several moments. After waiting for the bishop to say something Mr. Choate remarked: "Bishop, that was the profanest silence I ever heard."

As for the Anti-Profanity League, the purpose of the organization is certainly worthy, but somehow the Settler cannot develop a high degree of enthusiasm in such a cause. He is a bit weary of anti-crusades of all sorts. Movements for the suppression of this and that and what not fail to interest him profoundly. It seems to him that what is needed in the field of social reform is not so much the suppression of bad things as the promotion of good things. Reformers should concentrate their energies on positive and constructive work, rather than purely negative and restrictive undertakings.—The Boston Transcript.

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NEGROES AFTER WAR.

Peculiar Conduct of Freed Following Emancipation.

In one respect the behavior of the negroes immediately after their emancipation was remarkable. It is probable that some of them had suffered cruel punishment or other harsh treatment while in the condition of slavery; but not one act of vengeance on the part of a negro after emancipation in one record.

On the contrary, there were many instances of singularly faithful and self-sacrificing attachment of negroes to their former masters and their families.

Neither could they, at that period be charged with many criminal excesses beyond pig and chicken stealing. But their ideas as to what use they might or should make of their newly won freedom were rather dim and confused.

A good many of them, probably, indeed, a very large majority, remained on the plantations and continued their work under some sort of contract arrangements with their former masters.

But other colored people, a not inconsiderable number, followed the natural impulse of testing the quality of their freedom by walking away from the places on which they had been held to labor, and by wandering to the nearest town or military post "to have a good time" for awhile.

Still others made contracts with the planters and then broke them with or without cause. These were comparatively slight disorders which, if kindly and prudently met, would, in a great measure, soon have been righted. But against these irregular movements, "physical compulsion," without which, in the Southern's opinion, the negroes would not work at all, was fiercely put in action.

Some planters held back their former slaves on their plantations by brute force. Armed bands of white men patrolled the country roads to drive back the negroes wandering about. Dead bodies of murdered negroes were found on and near the highways and bypaths.

Gruesome reports came from the hospitals—reports of colored men and women whose ears had been cut off, whose skulls had been broken by blows, whose bodies had been slashed with knives or lacerated with scourges.

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The pet exercise of smokers is that smoking "invites thought." Imagine yourself just rescued from a watery grave, standing on the beach,

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It makes no difference even if you are of a very high poetic temperament and may be, unconsciously, slightly impressed with the beauty surrounding you. You cannot express yourself because you are physically incapacitated.

So with the smoker. He may dream by watching the impressions on the gray matter, but he is destroying those channels through which thought is expressed.

What good is the dreaming in such a case? The next time you envelop yourself in a cloud of smoke, to set the thinking apparatus in motion, this is what you ought to meditate on.

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And if, while you are engaged in contemplating the advice given, you should happen to think of some relative or friend who smoked and lived to a good old age, I want you to remember this.

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